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For

METHOD FOR MANAGING RISK IN MARKETS RELATED TO COMMODITIES

DELIVERED OVER A NETWORK

AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on November 5, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 5, 2004, a petition for a two month extension of time, up to April 5, 2004 being submitted herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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